

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a single ended switched mode power supply, classified in class 363, subclass 19; and

Group II: Claims 18-19, drawn to method for controlling a power supply utilizing an optocoupler, classified in class 363, subclass 95.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single group for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant's attorney elects Group I, Claims 1-17, for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully contends that there will not be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if the restriction is not required. The number of patents that the Examiner will need to review is minimal. Class 363, subclass 19 includes 304 patents. Class 363, subclass 95 includes 339 patents, however, the number of relevant patents in subclass 95 can be reduced to 7 if a search for the word "optocoupler" in the specification is conducted. The need to review an additional 7 patents in order to examine the claims of Group II does not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

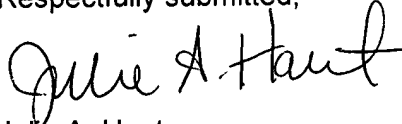
Accordingly, Claims 18-19 should remain in this application and should be examined together with Claims 1-17. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this restriction requirement and substantively examine Claims 1-19.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of the elected Group I, Claims 1-17, on the merits are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available during normal business hours if a telephone conversation would be helpful to advance prosecution in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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